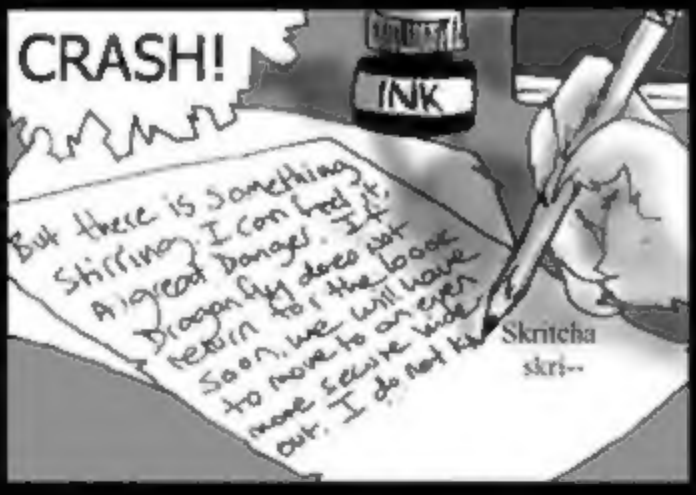
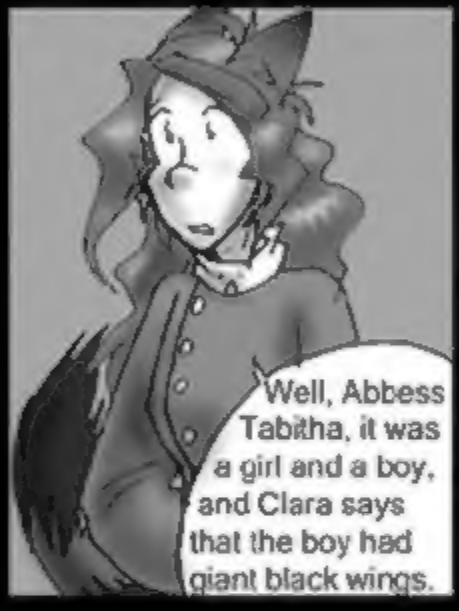
Fwoosh!
NO!


CRASH!
INK
But there is something stirring. I can feel it. A great danger. It
Dragonfly does not return to the book. Soon, we will have to move to an even more secure hide out. I do not kn
Skritcha skri--

What in freezing purgatory was THAT!?

MOM! MOM, I mean, Miss Tabitha, two people just fell through the arbo-return roof!

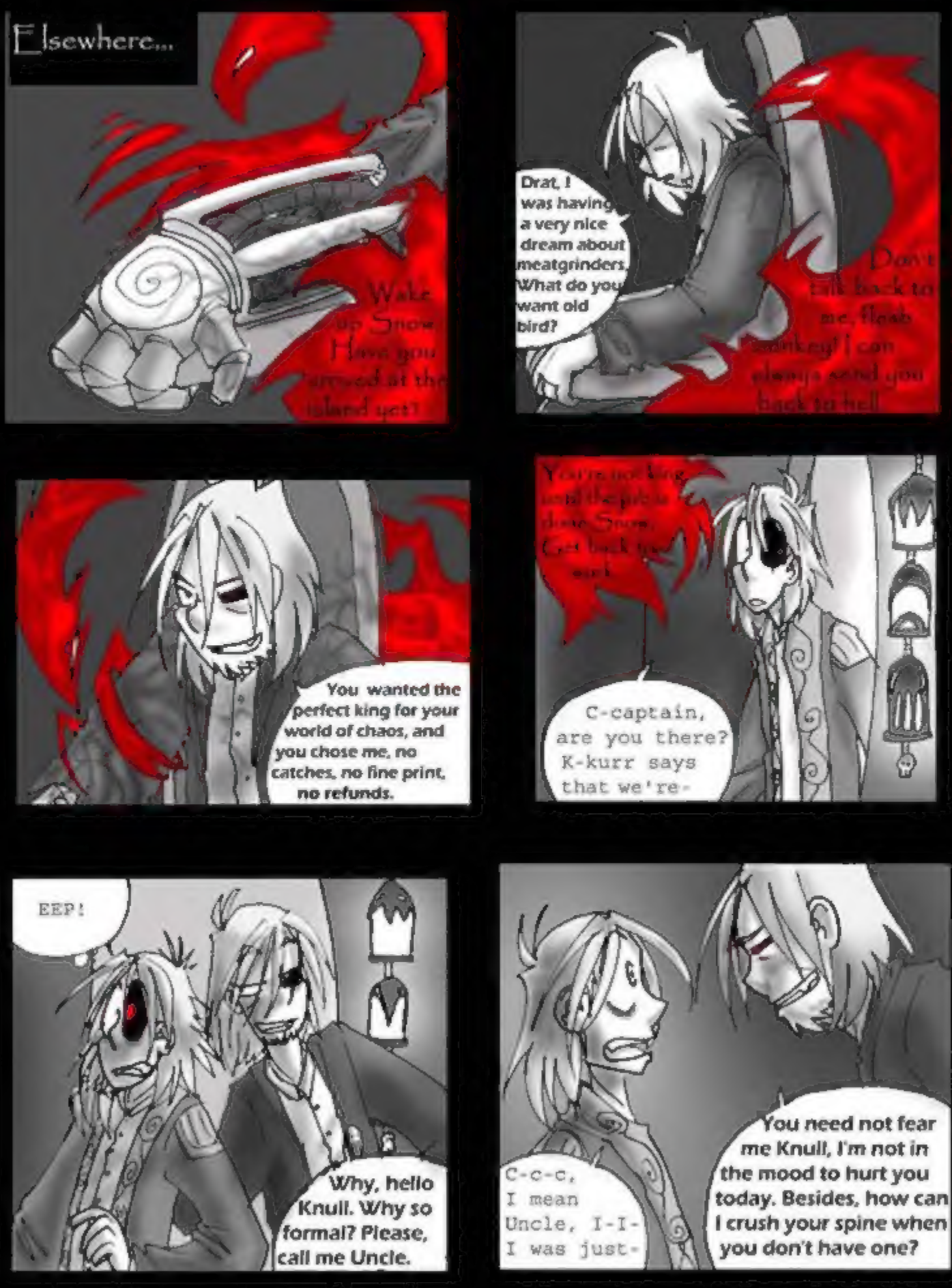
Well, you know the drill, tell them we don't want any and send them off.


Well, Abbess Tabitha, it was a girl and a boy, and Clara says that the boy had giant black wings.

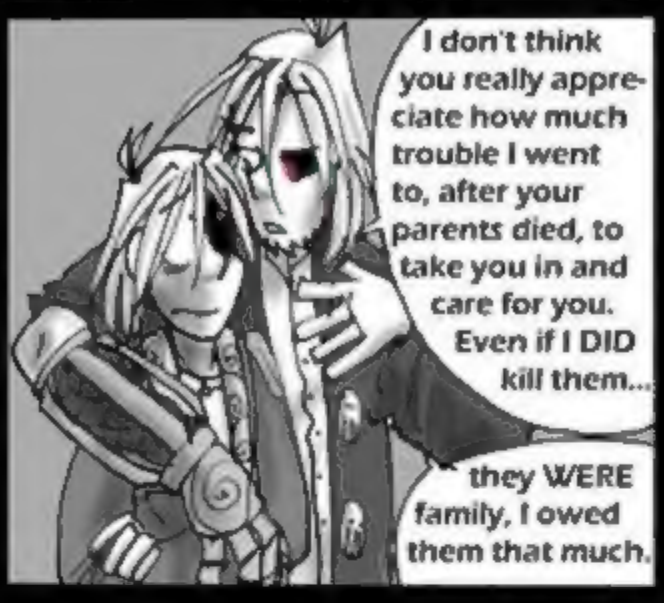
And the girl was carrying this.

This... where are they? I hope the fall didn't kill them.
Well, the girl was injured, and they're both unconscious.

Move them to the medical wing. Get me the minute either wakes up.

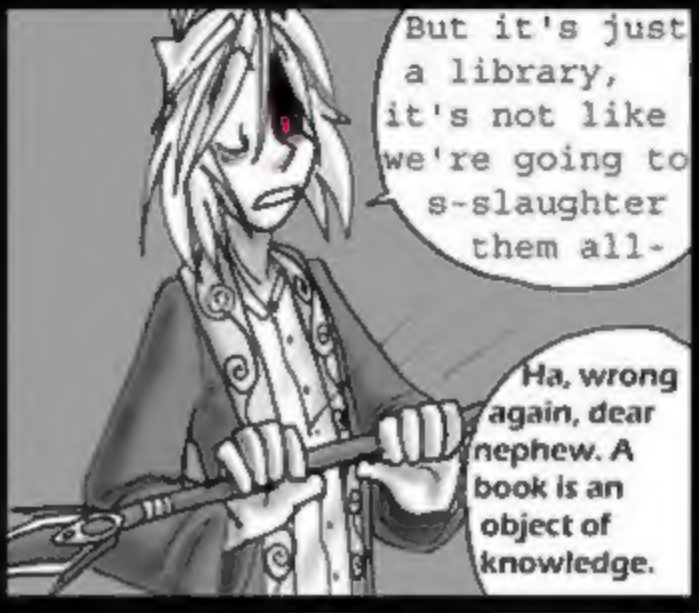

Elsewhere...
Wake up Snow. Have you arrived at the island yet?
Drat, I was having a very nice dream about meatgrinders. What do you want old bird?
Don't talk back to me, flesh monkey! I can always send you back to hell.
You wanted the perfect king for your world of chaos, and you chose me, no catches, no fine print, no refunds.
C-captain, are you there? K-kurr says that we're-
EEP!
Why, hello Knull. Why so formal? Please, call me Uncle.
C-c-c, I mean Uncle, I-I- I was just-
You need not fear me Knull, I'm not in the mood to hurt you today. Besides, how can I crush your spine when you don't have one?

K-kurr sent me to tell you that we've arrived.
Excellent! We must get ready immediately! You really shouldn't be so down Knull.


I don't think you really appreciate how much trouble I went to, after your parents died, to take you in and care for you. Even if I DID kill them...
they WERE family, I owed them that much.

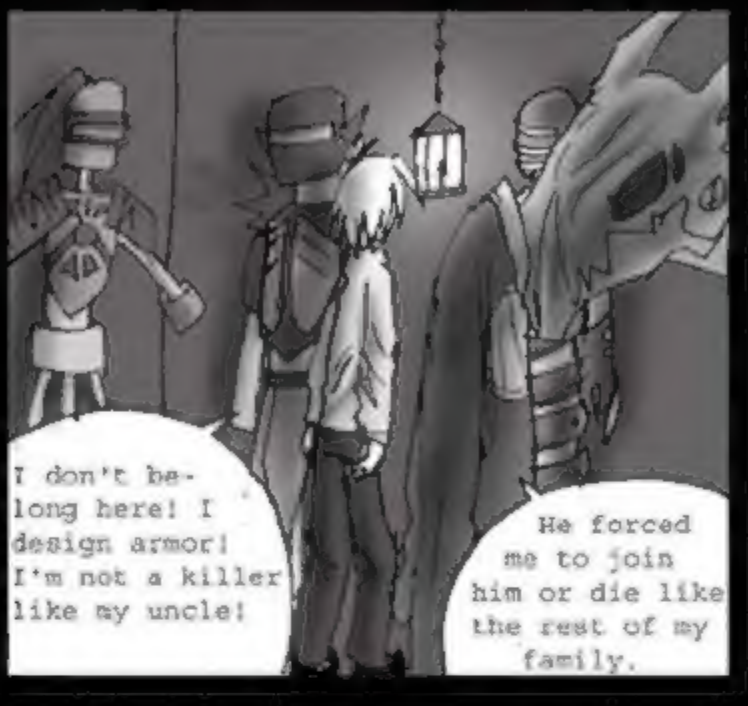
It really has been a long time since I've had a decent blood bath. This will be great.
B-but Uncle, I d-don't understand, they're just innocent nuns, they-

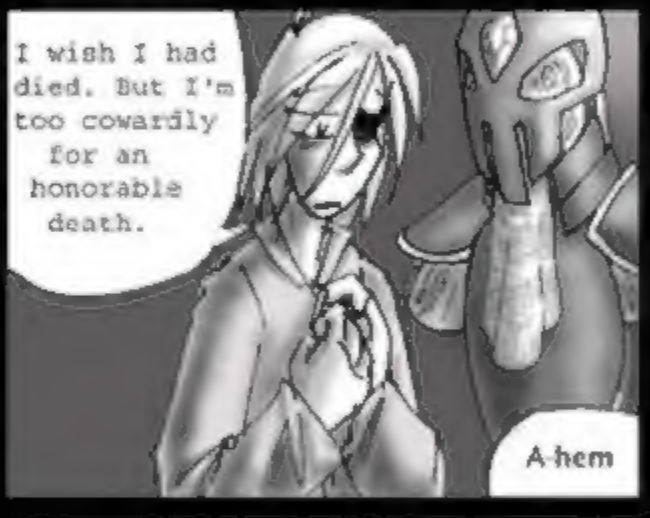
HA! Just nuns, that's funny. These girls are much more than "just nuns," and shall be treated accordingly.


But it's just a library, it's not like we're going to s-slaughter them all-
Ha, wrong again, dear nephew. A book is an object of knowledge.

Knowledge is the basis of order. And we, who seek to establish a world of chaos, cannot allow any SCRAP of order to stand in our way.

Oh man, what have I gotten myself into?


I don't be-long here! I design armor! I'm not a killer like my uncle!
He forced me to join him or die like the rest of my family.


I wish I had died. But I'm too cowardly for an honorable death.
A-hem

L-lucinda! I w-wasn't talking to the armor, I was just uh, humming to--

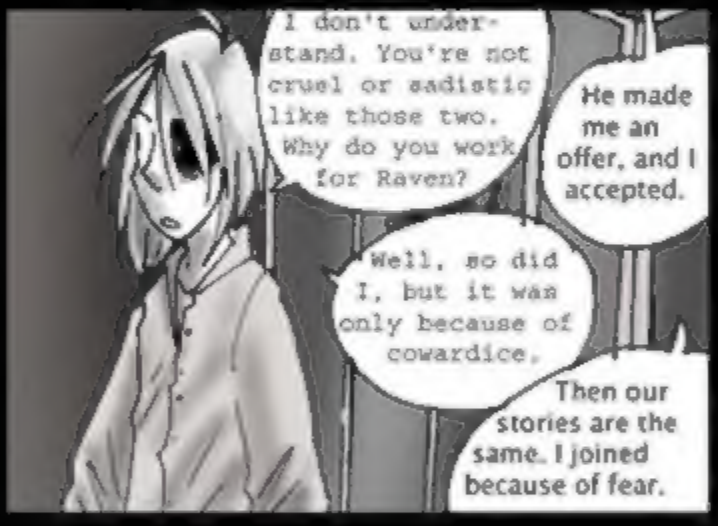
The Captain wants me to get fitted with armor for the coming fight. He said you were the person to go to for help.

Uh, yeah, well, I DID design armor for a living. I suppose I could find you some-thing.

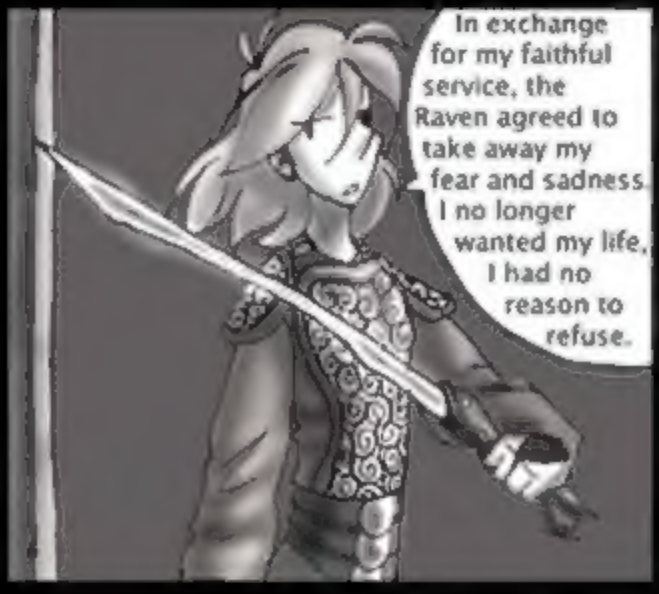
He also said to make sure you dress in something besides "That old ratty, purple bathrobe."
old and Ratty? I like that robe!

Let's see, you need something that's light-weight, easy to move in, yet durable.
This bed... you sleep in the armory?

Yeah. It gets cold at night, but it's the only room that I can lock against Kurr and Han killing me in my sleep.


I don't understand. You're not cruel or sadistic like those two. Why do you work for Raven?
He made me an offer, and I accepted.
Well, so did I, but it was only because of cowardice.
Then our stories are the same. I joined because of fear.

Fear? But you're the most fearless member of the whole crew!
You accepted the slavery of the Raven because you were scared of death. I accepted because I was afraid to go on living.


In exchange for my faithful service, the Raven agreed to take away my fear and sadness. I no longer wanted my life. I had no reason to refuse.

We are all sinners here Knull. Each to his own vice; greed, envy, hate, lust. We are Raven's slaves, because he is the only one who would take us.

Hrmmm...

Shift

Oh good, you're up. We were beginning to worry.

Now, there is no need to fret, you're safe here in Hidden Abbey, but I should warn you...
We gave you a little medicine to lessen the pain in your head and help you get some rest.

And... well... said medicine should be losing effect in exactly two seconds.

ARGRGSAAA
AIEEEEUUU
Gnnnnnnnn....

PLEASE! No primal screams of pain after 3 o' clock!
Oops. Sorry.

I'm really sorry about screaming right in your ear.
Oh, that's okay. Your head wound is already healing up, it 's just a scratch.
My name's Lydia. My mother is the abbess here on the island.
Your mother? How did that happen if she's a nun?
Well, she wasn't ALWAYS an abbess.
AIIIEEEEE!
Oh dear, it sounds like his voice came back
Hurry, you'd better come with me right away.
What on earth was that scream?! Is Blitz okay?
Your friend was... upset when he woke up to find you hurt and unconscious.
It took us a while to convince him we were trying to help you, not hurt you, and he still seems to think that you're mortally wounded.
We've tried everything to console him.
Okay, let's see what the damage is.
Oh, poor thing, you don't have to cry.
Awwwww. (sniff)
It's okay...

It's okay, you don't have to cry.
Awuuu (sob)
Your friend is going to be just fine, you'll see.

B-but what if she isn't? It'll be all my fault.
I couldn't climb the cliff, I failed her. I don't know what I'll do without her.

AWWWW

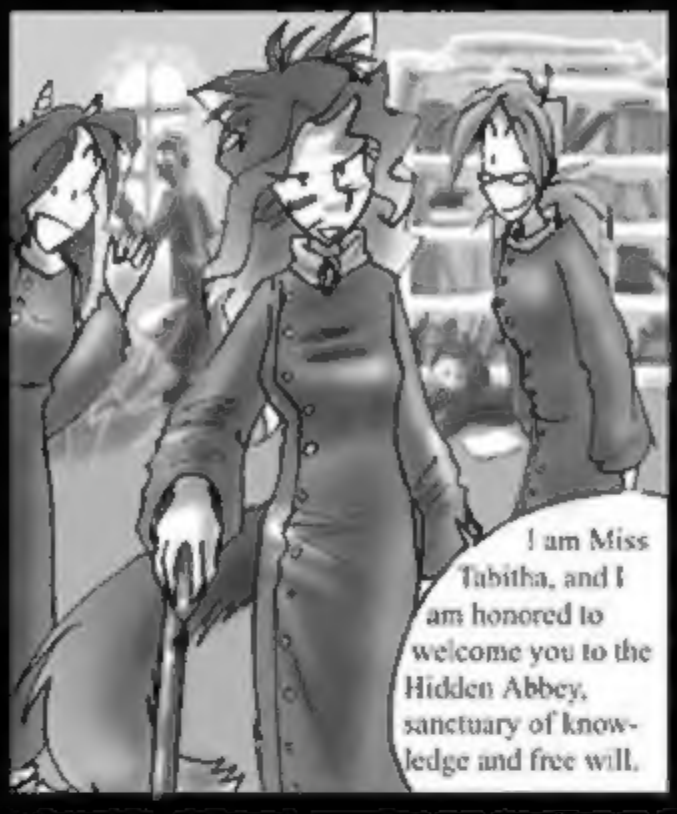
There, there, she'll be fine.
We'll make sure she gets better!
Is she your true love?
Wow Blitz, I didn't know you had a fan club.

Credenza! You're okay!

I was so worried about you, because I was afraid your head bump would make you stupid like me and then it would be my--
Blitz, I'm fine. You did great.

But that was also very dumb to do Credenza, Raven's birdyness isn't as great as his personess!
Umm... whatever that means, in my defense, it got the job done.

It's so nice to see couples talking together. I've already met the young and excitable gentleman, but I've been wanting to meet this lady he speaks so highly of.


I am Miss Tabitha, and I am honored to welcome you to the Hidden Abbey, sanctuary of knowledge and free will.

Charmed.
Mother, this is Credenza Black, and her friend Blitz.

Oh, Lydia, I have sent for the Luck twins. Make sure the decorative fish are locked up securely.
Yes, Mom.
Miss Tabitha, I need to talk to you about a book you have.

I'm sure you do, but first, this is your necklace, correct?
Yeah! I didn't notice it was missing. Why?

This necklace belonged to someone very important to this abbey.
If it was given to you, it means that you are the rightful owner of the Listing of Names.